

September 1, 2015

Mr. William E. Watson, P.E.  
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 New Hampshire Department of Transportation  
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**RE: Rockingham MPO 2015-2018 TIP Administrative Modification Amendments (NHDOT  
 Minor Revisions –August, 2015)**

Dear Bill:

We have received the above-referenced requests to amend five (5) projects in the Rockingham MPO FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program under our Administrative Modifications procedures. The modifications proposed are summarized as follows and are more fully described in the “2015-2018 STIP Revision Report” for July, 2015 which you provided.

**August, 2015 request five (5) projects proposed for administrative modification within the region:**

Proj. No./ ID#	Location/ Community	Description	Proposed Change(s)	Approved
16031	Salem	Multi-Use trail improvements in Windham and Salem [09-47TE]	Increased Construction Cost	Yes
10418L	Salem to Manchester	Implement and provide operational support for expanded commuter bus service	Added FTA5307 funds. Added Non-Participating funds and reduced Federal Funds to maintain same cost.	Yes
MOBRR	Statewide	Municipal Owned Bridge Rehabilitation & Replacement projects (MOBRR Program)	Change in funding source. Overall cost decrease during TIP timeframe. ROW increased by \$169,213, decrease CON by \$1,125,000. Changes made to address expected project funding needs	Yes
RCTRL	Statewide	Recreational Trails Fund Act – Projects Selected Annually	Change in funding sources. Increase PE costs by \$32,700, decrease ROW costs by \$34,903, increase CON costs by \$364,055. Changes made to address expected project funding needs	Yes
LTAP	Statewide	Local Technology Assistance Program (LTAP) Administered by T2 Center @ UNH	\$7,639 Cost increase. Redistribution of funding.	Yes

We concur that these projects changes are eligible for amendment through the Administrative Modification process.

Our TIP Amendment procedures (Section 6.5, MPO Prospectus) allow such modifications by action of the Executive Director provided that no exceptions are raised by MPO members. MPO TAC and Policy members were notified by email of the proposed modifications on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and asked to respond with any comment by close of business on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. As of that date I received no requests from MPO members that the changes be handled as a full amendment.

It was determined through Interagency Consultation (IAC) that the revisions do not impact the air quality conformity determination or change the financial constraint of the STIP. Based on this information the administrative modifications are approved. By copy of this letter I am informing the New Hampshire office of the FHWA, Region 1 of FTA and NHDES – Air Resources Division of this action.

Please contact me should you have any questions about our actions.

Sincerely,



Cliff Sinnott

Executive Director

cc: Leigh Levine, FHWA  
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